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SUBJ: REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1. ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS KIM OF THE ROK SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 21, TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM REQUESTING THAT THE ROK'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BE GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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21 SEPTEMBER 1975

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE LETTER DATED 19 JANUARY 1949 FROM THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND A DECLARATION ACCEPTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER (DOCUMENT S/1238 DATED 1 FEBRUARY 1949).

IN RESUBMITTING THE APPLICATION, I WISH TO RECALL THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS RESOLUTIONS (RES. 296(IV), RES. 817(IX), RES. 1017 A(XI), RES. 1144 A(XII)) HAS REPEATEDLY AFFIRMED THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS FULLY QUALIFIED FOR AND SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ALMOST ALL OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND IT NOW ENJOYS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

MEANWHILE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION MANIFESTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON 23 JUNE 1973, IT IS CONTINUING TO PURSUE AN OPEN-DOOR POLICY WITH A VIEW TO CULTIVATING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL SOVEREIGN STATES INCLUDING THOSE WHICH HAVE DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES AND SYSTEMS.

THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, WITH ITS POPULATION OF OVER 34 MILLION REPRESENTING MORE THAN TWO THIRDS OF THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE IS ANXIOUS TO CONTRIBUTE UNDER THE CHARTER TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND TO THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HOLDS THE VIEW THAT AN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS IS A SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF A PEACE-LIVING STATE AND THAT THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN STRICT CONFORMITY WITH ART. 4, PARA. 1 OF THE CHARTER.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WISHES
TO STATE THAT THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS ONLY AN INTERIM MEASURE
PENDING KOREA'S REUNIFICATION. IT IS IN THE LIGHT
OF THIS POLICY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA WOULD NOT OPPOSE NORTH KOREA JOINING THE
UNITED NATIONS WHENEVER IT SO DESIRES.

INSPIRED BY THE GROWING SENTIMENT AMONG THE
MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN FAVOUR OF THE
WIDEST POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP AND A CLEAR SHIFT TOWARDS
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY, I HAVE
THE HONOUR TO REQUEST YOUR EXCELLENCY TO TAKE
APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO HAVE THE APPLICATION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE
UNITED NATIONS GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE
SECURITY COUNCIL AT AN EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES
OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

DONG JO KIM
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF KOREA.
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